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1. BARBADIAN DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA BEGINNING MARCH 28 IN GENEVA WILL BE SOLICITOR GENERAL OLIVER BROWNE AND SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL ARTHUR WALKER. GRENADA NOT YET SURE WHETHER IT WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO CONFERENCE.

2. CHIEF POINTS IN BARBADIAN POSITION FOLLOW. GRENADA HAS NOT YET DEFINED FIRM POSITION ON LOS MATTERS. NONETHELESS, FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH FLORENCE RAPIER, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WE ASSUME GRENADA WOULD GENERALLY ACCEPT BARBADIAN GOALS.

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3. BARBADOS THINKS THERE SHOULD BE SOME KIND OF PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER COUNTRIES ON REGIONAL BASIS FOR A SPECIAL CADRE OF DISADVANTAGED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ITSELF. MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CADRE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY: (A) A COUNTRY'S HAVING NO ECONOMIC ZONE OF ITS OWN;

(B) BIOLOGICAL INSUFFICIENCY IN A COUNTRY'S OWN ZONE.

BARBADOS PLACES ITSELF IN THE LATTER CATEGORY, BECAUSE IT HAS POOR FEEDING GROUNDS FOR SEA LIFE.

4. BARBADOS HAS NO SPECIFIC FORMULA TO PROPOSE BUT HOPES ONE CAN BE WORKED OUT INTERNATIONALLY IN GENEVA.

5. BARBADOS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SIMILAR PREFERENCES BEING EXTENDED TO DISADVANTAGED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH AS LAND-LOCKED AUSTRIA, BUT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE PREFERENTIAL ACCESS ONLY TO ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, NOT TO THOSE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. ACCORDING TO OLIVER BROWNE, WITH WHOM DCM SPOKE, BARBADOS EXPECTS GREATEST OPPOSITION ON PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO COME FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY PERU. HE BELIEVES PERU WILL NOT RECOGNIZE AUTOMATIC RIGHT OF DISADVANTAGED COUNTRIES TO HAVE PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO PERU'S ECONOMIC ZONE. NONETHELESS, BROWNE THINKS PERU WILL ACCEPT BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT TO PERMIT OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SHARE IN WHAT HE CALLED "SURPLUS CATCH" WITHIN PERUVIAN ECONOMIC ZONE.

7. ANOTHER POINT WHICH BARBADOS MAY PUSH AT GENEVA CONCERNS INNOCENT PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS THROUGH TERRITORY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERRITORIAL WATERS. BARBADOS' TERRITORIAL WATERS ACT 1977/26, ISSUED AS SUPPLEMENT TO OFFICIAL GAZETTE JUNE 30, 1977, REQUIRES PRIOR NOTIFICATION BEFORE WARSHIPS OF ANOTHER NATION MAY PASS THROUGH BARBADOS' TERRITORIAL WATERS (THAT IS, WITHIN 12 MILES OF SHORE). THIS PROVISION NOT YET BROUGHT INTO FORCE, SINCE IT AWAITS GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PROCLAMATION. BROWNE SAID BARBADOS WILL AWAIT CONCLUSION OF LOS CONFERENCE BEFORE IT FINALLY GIVES ACT FORCE OF LAW AND WOULD PROBABLY AMEND ACT IF NECESSARY TO ACCEPT MAJORITY POSITION WORKED OUT RESPECTING PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS.

8. DEPUTY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD DCM BRITAIN DOES NOT LIKE IDEA OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION FOR INNOCENT PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS AND IS LIKELY TO OPPOSE SUCH PROPOSALS IN GENEVA. VENEZUELAN EMBASSY AND CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION SEEM NOT TO BE FOLLOWING ISSUE CLOSELY.

9. COPY OF TERRITORIAL WATERS ACT BEING AIRPOUCHED TO EB/TCA/MA.
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